

Large numbers continue to arrive in our city daily. They stop off from every train coming from the East, and many decide to locate. Our population is rapidly augmenting. Our boom is not spasmodic, as is evidenced by the substantial business blocks and fine residences going up in all directions.

Master Workman Powderly gives good advice to workmen, in calling upon them to display the "stars and stripes" in all labor processions. The country will owe much to organized labor if it succeeds in reviving the glorious Fourth. He says use only one flag. This is a slap at the red and black flag. It don't sound like court-ing the favors of the Anarchists.

If the Ohio University is really in need of a President and has turned its inquiring gaze toward the distinguished pulpitier, Rutherford B. Hayes, let us hope that the invitation will be regular, and that in the event of acceptance on the part of R. B. H. there will be no "counting in." We could hardly recommend Mr. Hayes as the head of a moral educational institution, but it would be some satisfaction to his friends, no doubt, to find him holding a Presidency which had come to him in an honorable, just way.

There are rumors that Abilene will combine upon county officers, regardless of their political belief. If the voters outside of Abilene learn of this they are likely to meet combinations with combinations.—Minneapolis Democrat.

"War, and rumors of war." The people of Dickinson county generally elect the different officers. Such a combination as above referred to was probably concocted by some disappointed office seeker, to work up the sympathy racket. The citizens of Abilene are to busy with the boom, erecting blocks and residences, and locating and building factories, to meddle with politics.

Wheat, corn and all other crops are looking finer since the recent rains, and there is every reason to believe that Dickinson county will have a larger yield the present season than ever before. Real estate in the city and county is advancing, immigration is coming in faster than the most sanguine had anticipated; capital is seeking investment in our beautiful city; our real estate men are seen at all hours of the day in company with home-seekers, looking over the town, or starting out to view the beautiful farms in the best country in the state. With our boom we are well satisfied.

General Jackson said in his farewell address: "Various interests would combine together to impose a heavy tariff, and produce an overflowing treasury." The history of tariff legislation from that day to this, verifies his predictions.

The great corporations that have grown up, and the wealthy individuals engaged in manufacturing establishments, desire a high tariff in order to increase their gain under the plausible argument that they desire it to enable them to pay their working men better wages. Designing politicians support it to conciliate their favor and advance profuse expenditures for the purpose of purchasing influence in other quarters.

The revenue, no matter how raised, unless it be by direct tax on incomes, must be drawn from the pockets of the people—from the farmer, the mechanic, the laboring classes, of the country, the consuming class. The excess not required, cannot be returned to them, the class who most need it, and who are entitled to it. It is, therefore, a species of legal robbery, a forced loan never to be returned, that a few favored individuals may accumulate more than a just share of the wealth of the country.

John J. Ingalls' lecture was a disappointment to many of his hearers. His flow of rhetoric, and masterly use and command of pithy, huge and expressive words, were up to the inimitable Ingalls standard; his logic sufficient to suit those already opposed to woman's suffrage, but too illogical to win converts to his idea of thinking. His artesian supply of sarcasm and sand-papered irony was carefully kept under restraint, but at times the acid would cause it to boil over. He opposed woman's suffrage, but made no enemies in the manner in which he conducted his line of argument. Woman was crowned the "queen of home" to the entire satisfaction of those who are willing to wear it. The crown was offered to the others if they wished to accept. Many of the ladies present thought they could rightfully and womanly wear it, even if they exercised the right to vote that John J. Ingalls' crown was partially composed of thorns. To sum the whole lecture up, it was a defense of his vote on the 16th amendment, and John J. Ingalls, the "brightest Republican in the state can go to the United States Senate again if he wishes to, unless the Democrats weary of the magnanimity in the past, and send one of the faithful in John J.'s place.

A Fair Exchange.

Bill Nye is going to move East and Oliver Optic is going West. This is an eye for an eye—or rather a Nye for an Optic.—Boston Herald.

Sectional Reconciliation.

Editor Halstead is in favor of complete sectional reconciliation. He has written an editorial to show that the South has the best race horses and the North the best base ball players. There is no reason why the entire country cannot stand on this broad and liberal platform.—Atlanta Constitution.

Segator Reagan, in answer to a letter from Commissioner Morrison, takes strong ground against the suspension of the "long and short haul clause." He says, under the provision of the fourth section, the common carrier may in special cases, after investigation by the commission, be authorized to charge less for longer than shorter hauls. The commission has taken upon itself, assumed the right, to suspend the section and investigate afterwards. This is like hanging a man, then giving him a trial. We are unable to understand what harm can come to a railroad by hitching on a car at Abilene and hauling it to Denver at less charge than hauling a car from Kansas City to the same destination; but we can see the great wrong done to Abilene by charging a greater freight rate from our town to Denver than from Kansas City. The low rates on the long haul, then overcharging on intermediate points, is clearly unjust discrimination, well calculated to freeze out every attempt at manufacturing in the smaller cities.

As I parted from William O'Brien at the train last Tuesday, a newsboy rushed up with a "latest edition" that told of the scheme of the Tory government to lock up sixty-five Irish members in Millbank prison. He laughed and said: "The only thing we are afraid of is that they won't lock up members enough." Few who do not know the man personally can conceive an idea of William O'Brien as he really is. His fragile frame should never lead one to think that next to Parnell he is, perhaps, the most important man in the Irish party. His long, thin face, deep-set and piercing eyes flashing out from behind spectacles, sharp features and quick, feverish walk show at once the restless, fierce and enthusiastic character that has endeared him in the Celtic heart. T. P. O'Connor says of him that he has been born in Paris he would probably have been found on the top of a barricade, or like Armand Carrel, have perished in a political duel. He has had much sorrow in the past. Two of his brothers and a sister died of consumption within a few days of each other, and his imprisonment by Forster killed his mother. He himself was threatened with consumption, but fought it off by a voyage to Egypt. He is very pious and at one time thought of entering the church. The fire of his oratory is the real fire from Olympus and he can run the whole gamut of human emotion. He speaks without written preparations and the diction of his remarks is very perfect. Of an affectionate, loving nature, he is a great favorite with all his colleagues of the Irish party. His editorials bustle with epigram, are scathing in sarcasm and formidable in logic. While he is here his paper, *United Ireland*, is being conducted by T. P. Gill, M. P. for South Louth, who is well remembered in New York as a writer on the *Star*—*Town Tattle*, N. Y. Star.

Churches, prayer meetings and all organizations that have in view the elevation of mankind, and whose doctrines advocate living better, purer and more noble lives, who preach and practice christianity and the immortality of the soul, who explain and endeavor to turn mankind over to worship the only true and living God, and whose creed is a belief in the holy trinity, The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, are filling the grandest, noblest and most sublime calling in the power of mortals to fill. Churches are the great civilizers of the nineteenth century, and the church lever has the greatest pressure to suppress sin and vice. The church lever in suppressing sin and vice appeals to a man's better nature, it is a pressure upon the baser part of nature, and when successfully operated, it not only crowds out evil but supplants in its stead that which is ennobling. The lever of the law may place a man where, for the time, it has him under control, he can harm no one else, but at heart he chafes and becomes more vicious under its restraint. The lever of the church may be used at a disadvantage to christianity. There are so many different ones, with different ideas, that are using the lever. Squeezing out sin and squeezing the pockets of the people will not always work harmoniously, and some poor mortal will not leave his church with his mind and soul in that tranquil state that it ought to be on the Holy Sabbath. If the lever could only be brought to bear upon the contribution boxes and squeeze them out of existence; if the idea of begging money for this and that could only be squeezed out of the minister's head when in the pulpit, the lever would be more powerful for good. In the house of God one is supposed to commune with his God, but before the service is over the minister is begging for this and that and telling them they must give, if they do not they are not living up to the doctrines of the Church. Many a poor man owes every dollar he has in his pocket, and some one expects, and has been promised that money on Monday morning, but he is told he must give; he thinks of his many debts—he wants to give, for he does not feel that he is judged harshly. If he does give he knows he cannot meet his obligations elsewhere, and he leaves the church in either event, in perplexed and feverish state of mind. Away with the contribution boxes on the Sabbath, and all beggary for money. There are six days in every week for making money; let the soliciting be done during that time.

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